

## **PROPOSAL F2003-16**

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**Reason for changing the regulation:** Currently there is no regulation providing for a harvest limit of chinook salmon if this species is taken by rod and reel. Theoretically, a households total allowable harvest could be chinook salmon taken by rod and reel. Realistically, this would not occur as the main-stem Copper River does not lend itself to harvesting chinook salmon with rod and reel. However, this requested change will establish a reasonable harvest limit (five chinook salmon) if taken by rod and reel and preclude any conservation concern related to the subsistence taking of chinook salmon by this harvest method.

**Effect of change on fish or shellfish populations:** The change will have no measurable impact on chinook salmon or other salmon species in the Copper River. To date no chinook salmon subsistence harvest is known to have occurred using rod and reel. Adoption of this proposed regulation would preclude future conservation issue from occurring relative to the harvest of chinook salmon by rod and reel because the proposed regulation allows for a reasonable harvest.

**Effect of change on subsistence users:** Subsistence users would not be affected by this change. Currently, no request has been made for use of rod and reel as a gear type.

**Additional Information:**

**Proposed by:** Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Subsistence Resource Commission, Copper Center